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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: November 12, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Rachel Peña**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving Standard Agreement Number 24-5062 with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for the provision of legal consultations and legal representation on administrative appeals associated with the Resource Family Approval (RFA) program of the County child welfare services agency for the term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: There will be no exchange of funds in this agreement.

BACKGROUND: The RFA program was created to provide a unified, family friendly, and child-centered resource family approval process to replace multiple processes for licensing foster homes, approving relatives and nonrelated extended family members as foster care providers, and approving families for adoption and guardianship. It established a single set of standards for resource family approvals that provide for the safety, permanence, and well-being needs of the children who have been victims of child abuse and neglect. The goal is to reduce the use of congregate care placement settings and decrease the length of time for each child to obtain permanency. Pursuant to Government Code section 30029.7, subdivision (a), the County and CDSS may enter into an agreement for CDSS to provide services or activities related to RFA. Pursuant to this Agreement, the CDSS Legal Division shall provide legal consultations and legal representation on appeals to an RFA Notice of Action on behalf of the County.

Approved by: Rachel Peña, LCSW Director of Social Services